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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates
The Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The United States Intelligence Board has considered two major areas relating to the development and employment of the SIGINT reconnaissance system. The first of these areas is the consolidation of the general intelligence requirements of the various departments, services and agencies of the United States to serve as the overall basis for the RANCS system development. The second of these areas is to establish priorities for the system development and for the employment of the RANCS system in the development stage during the 1961-1963 time period. These requirements and priorities are set forth in the attached paper entitled "Intelligence Requirements for Satellite Reconnaissance Systems of which RANCS is an example."

The fulfillment of these requirements as expressed is considered critical to the security of the United States, this is also evidenced by the national priority established for RANCS.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Chairman

NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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